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Senator Pete V. Domenici

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DOMENICI: \$1.5 MILLION IN AIRPORT GRANTS AWARDED TO NEW MEXICO COMMUNITIES

FAA Funding Awarded to Farmington, Gallup, Navajo State Park

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Pete Domenici today reported that the Department of Transportation has awarded \$1.5 million in grants for improvement projects at three New Mexico airports.

The grants were awarded through the Federal Aviation Administration to Farmington, Gallup, and the state of New Mexico for the Navajo State Park airport.

"These grants provide a substantial federal investment to help improve safety and efficiency at the airport facilities in these New Mexico communities," Domenici said.

Domenici is a member of the Senate Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee that crafts the appropriations bill responsible for funding the Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration each year.

The New Mexico grant awards, totaling \$1,484,190, include:

- §855,000 to city of Gallup for the city to rehabilitate the runway at the Gallup Municipal Airport. The project entails rehabilitating runway 6/24 by improving the pavement surface;
- §333,000 to the NM State Highway & Transportation Dept. to provide new asphalt concrete surface on the runway, taxiway and apron at the Navajo State Park Airport at Navajo Dam. The existing surface is approximately 30 years old and has deteriorated. This project will prevent further pavement deterioration and prolong the life of the pavement;
- c **\$296,190 to the city of Farmington** to improve the terminal building, service road, and storm water drainage system and install taxiway signs at the Four Corners Regional Airport. This project will provide a visual electronic flight information display system in the terminal building; an all weather perimeter road which will provide an all weather perimeter road which will enhance safety by keeping vehicles off the runways and taxiways and help prevent runway incursions; control of storm water runoff and erosion; and taxiway guidance signs.